

## **Public Notice – Environmental Project**

### **PURPOSE OF NOTICE:**

The Department of Environmental Quality seeks public comment on the state's response to the environmental aspects of a proposed activity in Hampton, Virginia.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:**

**August 5, 2013 to August 20, 2013**

### **TYPE OF RESPONSE:**

Federal Consistency Determination

DEQ is reviewing the proposed establishment of a safety zone for a fireworks event in Hampton to determine whether the event would be consistent with the Virginia Coastal Zone Management Program (VCP) established pursuant to the federal Coastal Zone Management Act. The VCP seeks to protect the quality of air, water, and other natural resources in Virginia's coastal area.

### **NAME OF AGENCY PROPOSING THE PROJECT:**

U.S. Department of Homeland Security: U.S. Coast Guard

### **PROJECT DESCRIPTION:**

The Coast Guard has a Special Local Regulation (SLR) which promotes the safety of life on navigable waters before, during, and after a marine event. The marine event in question is a fireworks event over the waters of Sunset Creek and the Hampton River in Hampton scheduled for 9:20 PM to 10:00 PM on September 7, 2013. Because the LSR covers the second and third September weekends but not the first, the Coast Guard will publish a Temporary Final Rule to reflect the change in the date covered by the SLR.

The fireworks will be fired from several locations:

37-01.33 N/76-20.11 W;  
37-01.37 N/76-20.11 W;  
37-01.35 N/76-20.11 W.

The Coast Guard states that the proposed event is consistent, to the maximum extent practicable, with the enforceable policies of the Virginia Coastal Zone Management Program.

### **HOW TO COMMENT:**

DEQ accepts comments from the public by e-mail, fax, or postal mail. All comments must include the name, address, and telephone number of the person commenting and be received by DEQ within the comment period. The public may review the project document at DEQ's central office in Richmond.

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